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FOLLOWING REPEAT SEOUL 10822 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DEC 24.

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, KS, US

SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK AFFAIR: PARK LETTER AND MPAA

REF: STATE 306650

SUMMARY: FORNMIN APPRECIATES EFFORTS MADE. WILL USE EXCHANGE
OF LETTER APPROACH. WILL ATTEMPT SELL NEW PARA. 8 WORDING.
WOULD APPRECIATE EXPLANATION. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MOFA'S PARK
SANG YONG AND POLCOUNS CLARK, I DISCUSSED PROPOSALS REFTEL WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER MONRING DECEMBER 24. HE WAS GRATIFIED WITH
WORDING PROPOSED FOR NEW PARK LETTER AND OPTED FOR EXCHANGE
OF LETTERS TO ACHIEVE THIS. I THEREFORE PROVIDED HIM WITH
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A LETTER FROM ME TO PARK TONGSUN ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
WITH FINAL PARA. MODIFIED IN ACCORDANCE PARA. 1 REFTEL. I
ALSO PROVIDED PROPOSED ONE SENTENCE REPONSE FROM PARK,
AGAIN TAKEN FROM PARA. 1 REFTEL. I STRESSED RESPONSE MUST
BE UNCONDITIONAL.

2. WITH RESPECT TO WORDING PARA. 8, FOREIGN MINISTER

WAS APPRECIATIVE OF PROGRESS MADE, BUT STILL SOMEWHAT CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE REACTION OF HIS COLLEAGUES. HE ASKED FOR STATEMENT OF WHAT NEW WORDING IMPLIED. I SAID THAT PARK'S CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF ROKG WHICH OCCURRED IN THE UNITED STATES COULD BE SUBJECT OF QUESTION. OUTSIDE UNITED STATES, ONLY SUBJECT FOR QUESTIONING REGARDING PRESENT ROKG OFFICIALS WOULD BE STATEMENTS MADE IN PRESENCE OF U.S. OFFICIAL AND TSP. HE ASKED WHY FORMER OFFICIALS HAD BEEN DROPPED AND I EXPLAINED THAT CERTAIN FORMER OFFICIALS, E.G., KIM SANG GUN, HAD ALREADY MADE STATEMENTS AND THEREFORE COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED. HE ACCEPTED THIS.

3. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED IF EXPLANATION I HAD PROVIDED WAS IN MY INSTRUCTION. I INFORMED HIM THAT IT WAS NOT, BUT SAID I WAS CERTAIN MY INTERPRETATION WAS ACCURATE. FOR THE RECORD AND TO HELP HIM IN HIS DEALINGS WITH HIS COLLEAGUES, HE ASKED IF I WOULD REQUEST FROM WASHINGTON A PRECISE EXPLANATION OF QUESTIONING ENVISIONED UNDER NEW LANGUAGE WITH, IF POSSIBLE, EXAMPLES OF SITUATIONS IN U.S. AND KOREA WHICH MIGHT BE COVERED. HE ASKED IF SUCH EXPLANATION COULD BE PROVIDED IN WRITING. I AGREED TO REQUEST THIS FROM WASHINGTON.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONTINUED TO HAVE EXTREME
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MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE ACCEPTABILITY OF OUR PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO HIS COLLEAGUES WHO HAD GIVEN HIM A VERY DIFFICULT TIME ON THIS ISSUE. I ASSURED HIM THAT WE HAD MADE A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION AT HIS URGING AND THAT IT WAS NOW UP TO HIM TO CONVINCE HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THE NEW LANGUAGE WAS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST AND SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. I FRUTHER ASSURED HIM THAT IT WAS MY BELIEF WE HAD PROTECTED THE BASIC CONCERNS OF THE ROKG. I TOLD HIM THAT THERE WAS NO MORE GIVE IN WASHINGTON ON THIS ISSUE. ON THIS BASIS, HE AGREED TO MAKE HIS BEST EFFORT TO HAVE OUR NEW WORDING ACCEPTED.

5. COMMENT: INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL WERE MUCH APPRECIATED AND I BELIEVE PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT NOW WITH THE KOREANS, ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE A LAPSE OF A FEW DAYS OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. I INTEND TO HANG TOUGH ON NEW WORDING PROVIDED FOR PARA. 8 UNLESS KOREANS COME UP WITH FORMULA THAT APPEARS ACCEPTABLE TO US. WOULD APPRECIATE A FEW EXAMPLES OF SITUATIONS COVERED IN EXCEPTION CLAUSE WHICH WOULD AMELIORATE ANY RESIDUAL CONCERNS ON KOREAN SIDE, ALTHOUGH I HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT "SACRED

COWS" ON THEIR SIDE ARE PROTECTED. MERRY CHRISTMAS*
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